Agitation by Employees of Jute Corporation of India

2940. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of Jute Corporation of India have called for a nationwide agitation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of their demands; and

(c) he steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Token Strike in Banks

2941. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees of the nationalised banks went on one day token strike recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have instructed the concerned banks to deduct a day's salary; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). 20 nationalised banks have reported that heir employees affiliated to certain specific unions/associations went on one day token strike on 29.11.1991 in response to strike call given by these All India Organisations of Bank Employees against privatisation of banks; ban on recruitment, etc.

(c) and (d). Government have, inter alia, issued standing instructions to public sector banks to deduct wages on the principle of 'No work no pay' if an employee participates in strike.

Aid Disbursement by NHB

2942. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Housing Bank has fixed a target of Rs. 1000 crores for disbursement during the current year beginning from July, 1991;

(b) if so, the States to which this aid has been provided;

(c) whether the State Housing Boards have been asked to submit their plans for providing aid under the scheme;

(d) if so, the amount of this aid that is proposed to be earmarked to the States for providing houses to the low income/weaker sections of the society; and

(e) the amount of loans so far provided by the National Housing Bank under the proposed scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e). No such targets have been fixed by National Housing Bank (NHB). The capacity of NHB to provide financial assistance to eligible primary lending institutions depends on the resources it is able to raise. The cumulative refinance assistance from NHB To all eligible institutions upto February, 1992 amounted to Rs. 907 crores.